Jeffrey B. Isaacs, Esq., SBN 117104 1 Jerome H. Friedberg, Esq., SBN 125663 2 Amanda R. Touchton, Esq., SBN 220430 ISAACS FRIEDBERG & LABATON LLP 555 South Flower Street, Suite 4250 4 Los Angeles, California 90071 Telephone: (213) 929-5550/Facsimile: (213) 955-5794 5 Email: jisaacs@iflcounsel.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 JUDITH ALLEN, et al., Case No.: 14-CV-02721-MWF-FFM 11 Plaintiffs, DECLARATION OF PAIGE SHEN IN 12 SUPPORT OF AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AT JULY 21, 2015 VS. 13 HEARING ON PLAINTIFFS' GIRARDI | KEESE, et al., MOTION TO COMPEL 14 Defendants. DOCUMENTS AND FURTHER 15 RESPONSES BY DEFENDANT GIRARDI | KEESE 16 Assigned to Hon. Frederick F. Mumm Dept. E, 9th Floor 17 18 Complaint Filed: Apr. 9, 2014 Discovery Cutoff: Oct. 2, 2015 19 Pretrial Conf.: Jan. 11, 2016 20 Trial Date: Feb. 2, 2016 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

DECLARATION OF PAIGE SHEN IN SUPPORT OF AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AT JULY 21, 2015 HEARING ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF WITHHELD DOCUMENTS AND FURTHER RESPONSES BY DEFENDANT GIRARDI | KEESE

DECLARATION OF PAIGE SHEN

I, PAIGE SHEN, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Isaacs Friedberg & Labaton LLP ("the Firm"), counsel for Plaintiffs in the above referenced matter.
- 2. I make this declaration in support of the Attorney's Fees Award ordered by the Court at the July 21, 2015 hearing of Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Production of Withheld Documents and Further Responses by Defendant Girardi | Keese to Requests for Production of Documents, Set One ("the Motion"). I am one of the attorneys who worked on Plaintiffs' Motion. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Declaration, and could and would testify to them if called as a witness in this matter.
- 3. At the July 21, 2015 hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court granted the motion to compel and ordered Girardi | Keese ("GK" or "Defendant") to serve supplemental responses without objection to all document requests and produce all responsive documents within two weeks. The Court further directed the Plaintiffs "to provide a declaration itemizing the fees incurred in connection with the motion to compel." *See* Minutes of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel. [Docket 94.] This declaration is being submitted in compliance with the Court's Order.

A. Worked Performed On The Motion By The Firm

- 4. As one of the attorneys responsible for this matter, I am familiar with the filings in this case. I also reviewed filings, correspondence and billing records related to the Motion in connection with preparing this declaration. I am therefore aware of the work performed by the Firm in connection with the Motion.
- 5. On or about December 8, 2014, GK served its deficient responses to Plaintiffs' Request for Production of Documents, Set One.
- 6. On February 27, 2015, the Firm began the meet and confer process required under the Local Rules by sending GK a meet and confer letter summarizing why its responses were deficient and further responses were required.

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- 8. After GK's refusal to provide further responses and produce additional documents, the Firm prepared and sent Plaintiff's portion of the Joint Stipulation to Defendants' counsel. The Joint Stipulation requested further responses and documents to 27 different requests. The draft prepared by the Firm was 57 pages in length. After receiving Defendants' portion of the Joint Stipulation, Plaintiffs prepared, finalized and filed the Joint Stipulation, along with the Notice of Motion and a supporting declaration from Plaintiff's counsel. The final Joint Stipulation was 96 pages in length, and the accompanying declaration from Plaintiffs' counsel was 19 pages in length and attached 25 exhibits. [Docket 72.]
- 9. The Firm prepared supplemental papers in support of the Motion, which were filed on July 7, 2015. [Docket 76.] The Firm subsequently prepared additional supplemental exhibits in support of the Motion, which were filed on July 20, 2015. [Docket 86.]
- 10. Jeffrey Isaacs and I attended the July 21, 2015 hearing on the Motion. After hearing argument by the parties, the Court overruled all of GK's objections and granted Plaintiffs' Motion in its entirety. As stated above, the Court also awarded attorney's fees to Plaintiffs.

B. Attorneys' Fees Incurred

- 11. I conducted a detailed review of the Firm's billing records for this case for the months of February 2015 through July 2015 to determine the attorney and paralegal hours spent in connection with the Motion. I calculated the Firm's fees based on my detailed review of the billing records.
 - 12. The Firm is handling this case for a contingency fee, but the vast

- majority of cases handled by the Firm are billed on an hourly basis. In calculating the Firm's fees, I used the Firm's standard billing rates that were in effect when the Firm accepted this representation. (The Firm's rates for certain attorneys have subsequently increased, but I used the lower rate to be conservative.)
- 13. In calculating the Firm's fees, I excluded or reduced the hours expended by certain attorneys in the drafting and revising of the Joint Stipulation, and did not include the time spent in preparing this declaration. I also did not include costs incurred in connection with the Motion.
- 14. The following table indicates the total number of attorney hours and fees incurred in connection with the Motion, broken out by attorney and task, and calculated in accordance with the principles outlined in paragraphs 12 and 13 above:

	J. Isaacs (\$550/hr)	J. Friedberg (\$550/hr)	P. Shen (\$400/hr)	W. Seldeen (\$350/hr)	J. Sheehan (\$275/hr)	Paralegal (\$100/hr)
Meet & Confer Per Local Rule 37-1		4.7 \$2,585		11.3 \$3,955	7.1 \$1,952.50	
Motion and Supporting Papers Preparation	4.5 \$2,475	5.7 \$3,135	6.1 \$2,440	28.0 \$9,800	7.5 \$2,062.50	18.4 \$1,840
Supplemental Papers Preparation	1.0 \$550		3.4 \$1,360	9.9 \$3,465	4.5 \$1,237.50	2.3 \$230
Hearing on Motion	3.7 \$2,035					1.5 \$150
Total Hours Per Attorney	9.2	10.4	9.5	49.2	19.1	22.2
Total Fees Per Attorney	\$5060	\$5,720	\$3,800	\$17,220	\$5,252.50	\$2,220
				GRA	ND TOTAL:	\$39,272.50

15. As set forth above, the total amount of attorney fees incurred by the Plaintiffs in connection with the Motion is \$39,272.50. Of this amount, \$8,492.50 was incurred in preparing meet and confer letters, and in preparing for and attending

telephonic or in-person meetings with GK's counsel; \$28,595 was incurred in the preparation and filing of the Motion, Joint Stipulation, Declaration, Exhibits and Supplemental papers; and \$2,185 was incurred in preparing for and attending the hearing on the Motion.

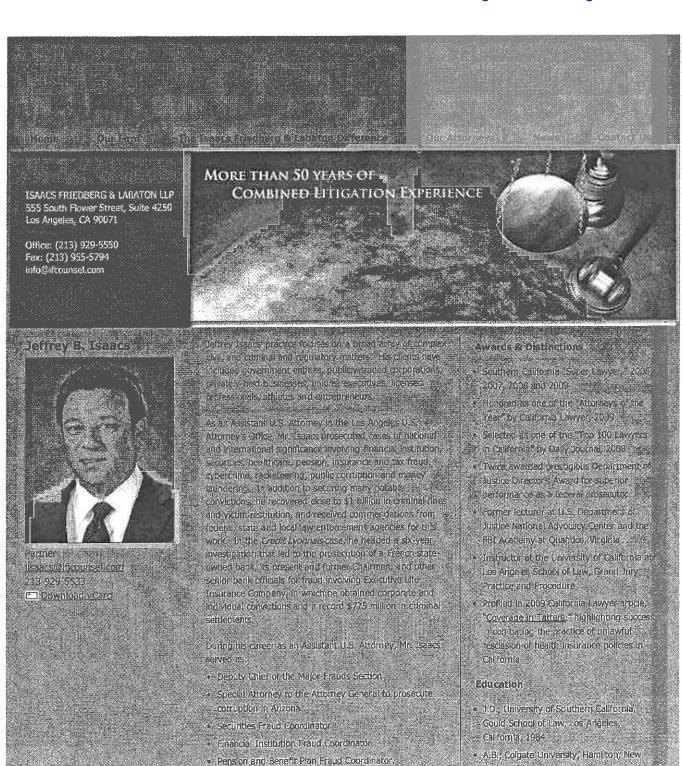
C. The Fees Incurred Were Reasonable

- 16. I have practiced law in the Los Angeles area since 1993. Based on my experience, the rates set forth herein are reasonable for attorneys with comparable qualifications and experience who practice in Los Angeles.
- 17. Jeff Isaacs and Jerry Friedberg are both former federal prosecutors and experienced trial attorneys who have been practicing law for over 25 years. Their hourly rate at the time this action was filed was \$550. Attached hereto as Exhibits A and B are their firm profiles, which accurately sets forth their qualifications and experience.
- 18. I have been practicing law in California for 21 years. My hourly rate is \$400. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is my firm profile, which accurately sets forth my qualifications and experience.
- 19. William Seldeen has been practicing law in California for 13 years. His hourly rate for this matter is \$350. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is his firm profile, which accurately sets forth his qualifications and experience.
- 20. John Sheehan has been practicing law in California for four years. His hourly rate for this matter is \$275. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is his firm profile, which accurately sets forth his qualifications and experience.

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21. The paralegal rate for this matter is \$100 per hour, which in my experience is substantially below market. I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 6th day of August 2015, at Los Angeles, California.

EXHIBIT A



Immediately prior to co-founding the firm, Mr. Isaacs served as the Chief Assistant City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles. In that position, he supervised the 300-attorney Criminal Division and built the premier public affirmative litigation unit in the state. During his six-year tenure, the unit obtained multi-million dollar recoveries for the City in a number of high profile cases involving homeless patient dumping, unlawful health insurance rescissions, hazardous waste disposal, wage theft, false advertising and bank owned foreclosed nulsance properties.

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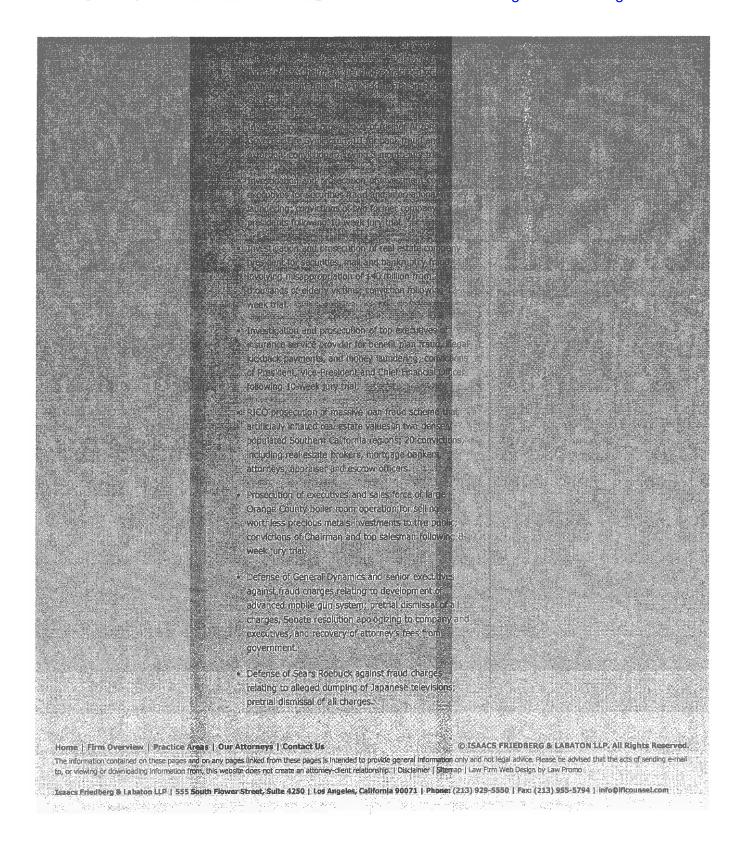
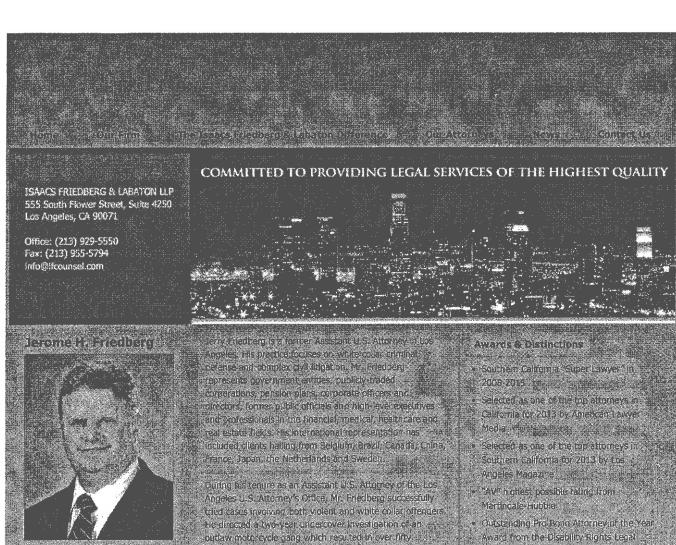


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convictions and was chronicled in a New York Times bestselling book, receiving commendations from federal and state law enforcement agencies for this work,

In private practice since 2000, he has litigated civil RICO, federal and state False Calms Act, financial institution fraud, unfair business practices and business tort cases. His 27-year practice has included securities, antitrust, trade secrets; insurance, environmental, criminal and civil healthcare litigation. In addition, he has successfully argued multiple appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Representative Matters

- Successfully represented medical devices company in federal criminal investigation alleging FDA violations in use of medical devices; no charges were filed
- Obtained probation for physician CEO of Knox-Keene licensee indicted for alleged Medi-Cal fraud and related
- Obtained probation for healthcare worker who admitted participating in multi-million dollar fraud related to the provision of home health services.
- Represented health plan in arbitration against hospital in complex payment dispute; defended plan against

- Wiley W. Manuel Award for prochono legal. services from the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California
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Legal Publications

"U.S. v. Flouser: Bellwether for Civil FCA: Theories in Criminal Prosecutions?," American Bar Association Section of Litigation, Vol. 14 No. 3, pp. 8-10, 2014; (read <u>PDF</u> or on americanbar.org)

Education

- J.D., University of California at Berkeley. Boalt Hall School of Law, 1986
- Graduated Order of the Coif (top 10% of graduating class)
- B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara, 1982

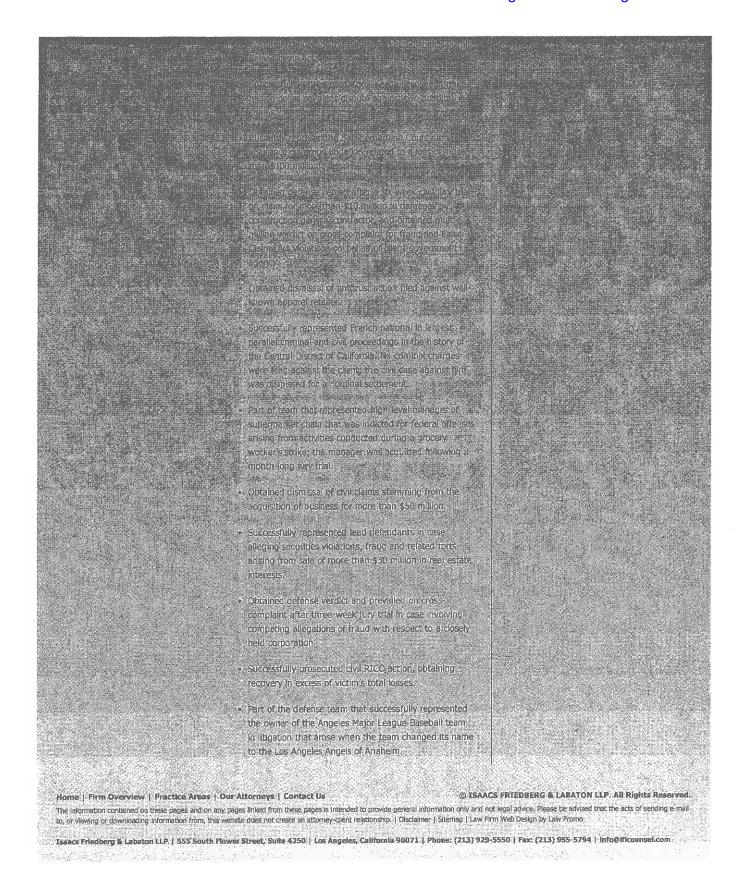


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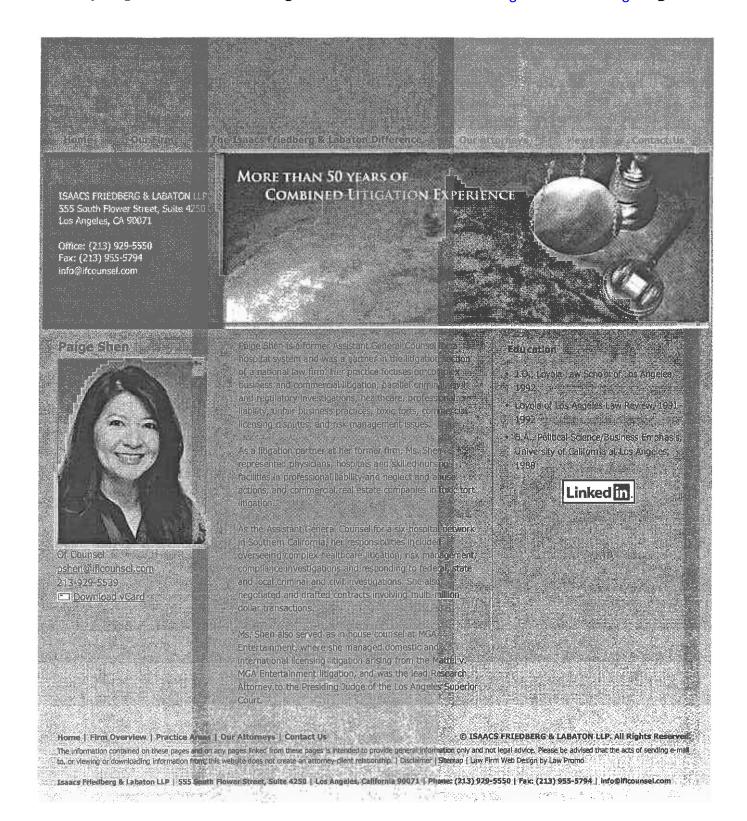


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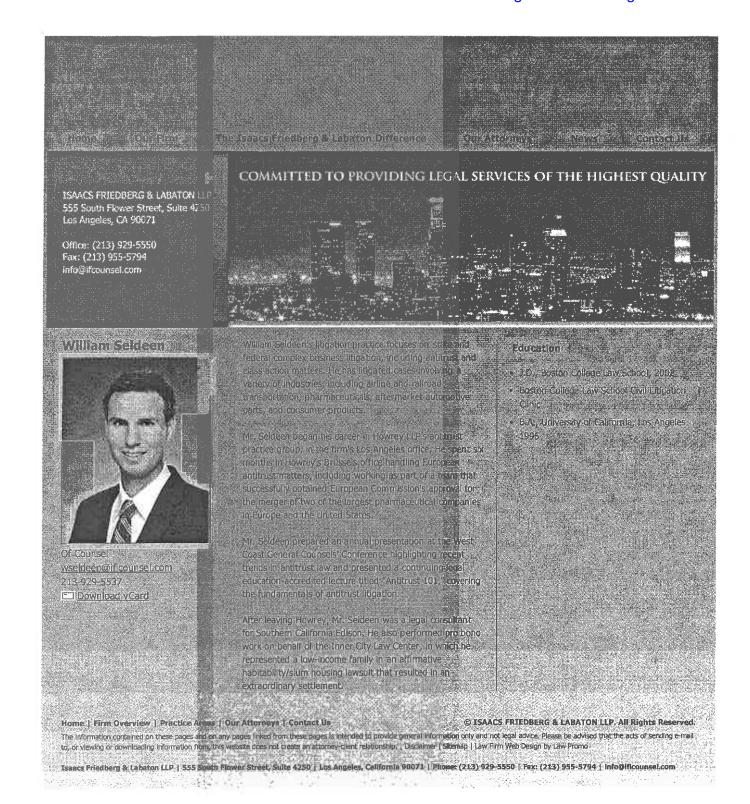
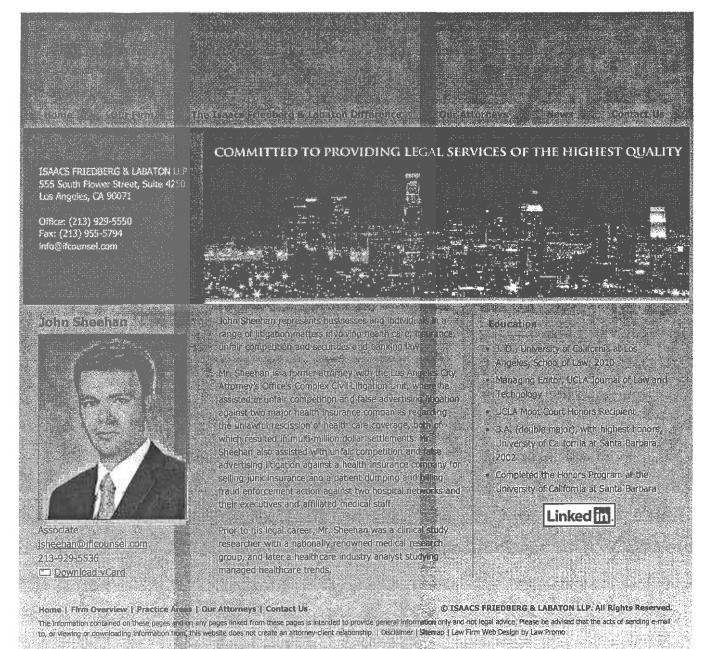


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